

PROCLAMATION

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

September 2015

WHEREAS, September has been designated National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to honor those children whose lives have been lost and those irrevocably impacted by this terrible illness, and to strengthen the nation's resolve to search for a cure; and

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and 15 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Childhood Cancers cross all racial, ethnic, geographic, and socio-economic backgrounds, and each year tens of thousands of children face the battle of cancer with incredible bravery and inspiring hope; and

WHEREAS, while progress against some childhood cancers has been made, cure rates for many forms of Childhood Cancer remain less than 50%, with the incidence of Childhood Cancers increasing at a more rapid rate than any other age group; and

WHEREAS, this disease not only affects the child diagnosed with cancer, but also their entire support network of devoted parents, grandparents, loved ones and friends; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Biscayne Park recognizes the devastating impact that this disease has on members of our community and the importance of increased research on Childhood Cancer: and

WHEREAS, this month we recognize that these burdens are shared by countless dedicated healthcare professionals, organizations, charities, and parent advocacy groups which support patients and families by offering advice, encouragement, hope, and financial assistance, and work tirelessly to lift the spirits of children suffering from cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE WE, the **MAYOR** and **COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK**, do hereby proclaim September 2015 **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**, and pay tribute to the families, friends, professionals, and communities who lend their strength to children fighting pediatric cancer.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of September, in the year two thousand fifteen.

David Coviello, Mayor